

# **LAKE BELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

South Florida Water Management District

3301 Gun Club Road, (Bldg. B-1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Storch Room)

West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference call at (561) 682-6800

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**Friday, December 11, 2015 3:00 PM**

1. Call to Order by Terrie Bates, Chair

a) Meeting began at 3:00 PM

2. Attendees

a) Committee Members

1. Terrie Bates, Chairperson, SFWMD
2. Krista Sabin, USACE (Teleconference)
3. Jane Herndon, DEP (Teleconference)
4. Marissa Krueger, FF&WCC Alternate (Teleconference)
5. Bob Progulske, USFWS (Teleconference)
6. Eric Hughes, USEPA (Teleconference)
7. Ron Miedema, USEPA (Teleconference)
8. Craig Grossenbacher, DERM (Teleconference)
9. Ed Smith, DEP Alternate (Teleconference)
10. Jeff Rosenfeld, MDLPA (ex-officio)

b) Other meeting attendees

1. Robert Hopper, SFWMD
2. Olga Serrano, SFWMD
3. Ray Palmer, SFWMD
4. Ben Ward, SFWMD
5. Tom MacVicar, MDLPA

c) Other teleconference attendees

1. Alan Whitehouse, DEP

## 2. June Mirecki, USACE

### 3. Announcements

Terrie Bates announced that the SFWMD Governing Board approved the C-139 Annex Phase 1 site prep contract for \$1.46 million on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Jeff Rosenfeld announced that \$1,960.85 in accrued interest was earned in the Greenberg Traurig escrow account during FY15, and that a check for that amount was deposited into the SFWMD Lake Belt Trust Account in November 2015.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

a) LBMC Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2015 were reviewed by the Committee members. The minutes were moved for approval by Bob Progulske, seconded by Eric Hughes. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

### 5. Submittal of Invoices for Acceptance by LBMC – Robert Hopper / Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff Rosenfeld discussed the invoices submitted since the last Committee meeting and Robert Hopper presented a spreadsheet (copy attached) summarizing the invoices to be accepted by the Committee. These invoices included: 1) five L-31N Phase 2 invoices totaling \$512,246.27, 2) two Dade-Broward Levee Phase 1 invoices totaling \$10,780.00, and 3) three Dade-Broward Levee construction/monitoring invoices totaling \$33,745.31. In addition, as approved at the 7/24/2015 LBMC meeting, the spreadsheet documented that the remaining balances in the L-31N Phase 1 and Dade-Broward Levee mulching accounts were transferred to the L-31N Phase 2 and Dade-Broward Levee construction / monitoring accounts, respectively. Bob Progulske moved to accept the invoices, with a second by Craig Grossenbacher. The motion to accept the invoices was approved by the Committee.

### 5. Brief update on L-31N Seepage Barrier Phase 2 Project – Jeff Rosenfeld

Jeff Rosenfeld showed a number of photos of the S-24A structure removal and trenching and seepage barrier construction from the ongoing L-31N Phase 2 project. The S-24A structure was removed in August 2015 and the contractors started the seepage barrier construction in November. To date, approximately 1.5 miles of the 3-mile project had been trenched and about 3,000 feet of seepage barrier had been constructed.

## 6. Payment for Water Quality Monitoring – Tom MacVicar

Tom MacVicar discussed that the Legislature had approved using the Lake Belt mitigation fee for water quality monitoring during the 2015 Session. He discussed the current Lake Belt water quality monitoring program, and that it has been performed since 2002 with approximate \$350,000 annual costs incurred during 2013 and 2014. Tom also summarized the projected cash flow through 2040, which showed that the current mitigation fee was estimated to be more than sufficient to meet the proposed expenditures for the L-31N seepage barrier, the Dade-Broward Levee project, and Pennsuco and C-139 restoration projects, as well as water quality monitoring. A transfer of \$360,000 to the Greenberg Traurig escrow account was requested for the estimated annual water quality monitoring costs, retroactive to the July 1, 2015 legislation effective date. Quarterly reports, similar to the current invoice reporting, would be provided to the Committee. Annual requests for ongoing water quality monitoring costs would be presented to the Committee each spring, as part of the fiscal year budgeting requests.

Krista Sabin stated that the Corps was currently doing an evaluation of the mitigation fee changes, and would review the water quality monitoring funding as part of the evaluation. Terrie Bates suggested that the proposed funding request be changed to \$450,000 (5 quarters at \$90,000 per quarter) to cover the period between July 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016, in order to be better aligned with the SFWMD fiscal year accounting.

Bob Progulske moved to approve the motion for the proposed transfer of \$450,000 to the Greenberg Traurig escrow account for water quality monitoring costs, with a second by Marissa Krueger. The motion to fund the water quality monitoring was approved by the Committee.

## 12. Next Meeting Date

A Committee field trip to the L-31N Seepage Barrier Project was scheduled for January 7, 2016 at 2:00 PM. The next Committee meeting will be scheduled in March 2016 when the draft annual report is compiled.

Agenda:       Draft 2015 Annual Report  
                  SFWMD Pennsuco land acquisitions update

## 13. Meeting Adjourned